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DECLARATION OF APPLICANT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

Sir:

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1. I am familiar with the above-identified patent application and the disclosure in the specification of methods for treating various disorders.
2. I have reviewed the Office Action mailed August 17, 2009, and I understand that claims 1, 5-12, 14-58, 62, and 63 have been rejected, *inter alia*, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as allegedly being obvious over Cheng et al. (Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science, February 2002, Vol. 43, No. 2, herein onwards Cheng et al. I). I understand that the publication date of Cheng et al. I is February 2002.
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5. I further declare that all statements made herein of knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine, or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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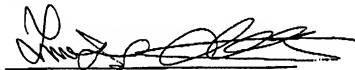
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